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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6920

BILL NUMBER: SB 368

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Medical Licensing Board Pilot Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Becker

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Medical Licensing Board to establish a six-year pilot program for training qualified international medical graduates who are attending medical schools that have not been approved by the Board.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The fiscal impact on the Medical Licensing Board for establishing a residency program will depend on administrative action. The Board should be able to implement such a program given its existing level of resources. However, should additional staff be needed, staff resources could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations.

Background Information: The Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) provides staff support for the health professions boards. As of December 12, 2005, PLA employed 87 authorized full-time staff members and had 18 vacancies. The agency reverted \$81,600 in FY 2005.

Explanation of State Revenues: If a residency program results in additional applications for licensure, the Medical Licensing Board could experience an increase in licensing revenue. The Board charges a \$250 licensing fee for physicians. The Board's licensing activities generated \$4.8 M in revenue in FY 2005. All revenue generated from licensing activities is deposited in the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Medical Licensing Board.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Auditor of State *Revenue Trial Balance*, June 30, 2005.

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